



PACIFIC GROVE WEEKLY SUMMARY

May 29, 2015

CITY COUNCIL

Major actions taken by the Council at its regular meeting on May 27, 2015 include:

- ❖ Introduced and held first reading of the ordinance adopting the recommended FY 2015-6 operating and capital improvement budget.
- ❖ Introduced and held first reading of an ordinance amending the Zoning Code to prohibit certain uses (such as tattoo parlors, vape shops, bail bonds providers, and plasma sale centers, among others) from the downtown and limit the total number of benefit/resale/consignment stores to 12 (the current number) with a maximum of 2 on Lighthouse Avenue.
- ❖ Approved the annual budget and levied the annual assessment for the hospitality improvement district.
- ❖ Set a public hearing to consider the annual budget and levy the annual assessment for the downtown business improvement district.
- ❖ Adopted a resolution instructing the regional Pollution Control Agency to not increase the City's portion of the sewer rates for all properties in the City. Instead the City Council will be taking public input, and accepting all protests, to the proposed sewer rates on July 15, at 6 p.m. at Council Chambers. (The City has mailed a notice of this hearing to all property owners. If, for some reason, you did not receive your notice, extra copies are available at the Library and at City Hall.)

The agenda reports and supporting documents for all of these actions are on the City's website, at <http://www.cityofpacificgrove.org>. Details of the actions taken will also be available, upon completion and adoption of the meeting minutes, which will also be posted on the website.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Updated pgparcel.net Webpage. In an effort to achieve greater transparency and improved communication with the public, the Community and Economic Development Department updated the pgparcel.net webpage to include interactive links. Members of the public may now easily find property information by clicking on the link interactivepgparcel.net related to the following:

- coastal zone;
- historic resources inventory;
- area of special and biological significance watershed;
- butterfly habitat;
- environmentally sensitive habitat area ; and,
- runoff retention.

Pgparcel.net may also be accessed through the main [Community and Economic Development](http://www.cityofpacificgrove.org) webpage. Please contact Anastazia Aziz, ACIP, Senior Planner for further information or to make suggested improvements, at aaziz@cityofpacificgrove.org

Stormwater Workshop. This all day event will help streamline stormwater management solutions by bringing together local professionals and agency staff to share strategies and tools for improving the process.

- Gain experts' insights and design solutions
- Learn the benefits of using Low Impact Development (LID)
- Get lessons from the planning desk with local agency staff
- See local examples of LID projects that meet the new post-construction requirements
- Find out how to best prepare your contractor and clients for the long term performance of your projects

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Captain Promotion – On June 1, 2015, the Monterey Fire Department will promote Firefighter Neal Hurd to the rank of Fire Captain to fill a vacant position. Neal has been with Monterey Fire for nine years and served as a Seasonal Firefighter for CAL Fire prior to coming to Monterey. Firefighter Hurd received the Medal of Valor award on July 18, 2012 in recognition of his bravery and courage, above and beyond the call of duty. He risked his life to save a fellow firefighter from succumbing to serious burns by expeditiously pulling him from a ventilation hole that was engulfed in fire on a rooftop. His heroic and selfless actions prevented one of our own from receiving serious life threatening injuries. The Medal of Valor is Monterey Fire Departments highest meritorious conduct award. He has also been involved in the hose and nozzle project that has led to several important changes in our operations. Firefighter Hurd has acted in the role of Captain on numerous occasions prior to his promotion. Please join us in congratulating and supporting Neal as he embarks on this new phase of his career.



LAW/POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Highlights. Attached you will find Chief Myers' Weekly Police Report for the week of May 22, 2015 to May 28, 2015, with the Year-to-Date Monthly Highlights.

MUSEUM

Tidepool Expedition. On Saturday, June 6th, the Museum will host a Member Exclusive: Guided Point Pinos Tidepool Expedition with John Pearse, PhD. This event is for Museum members only and there are only a few spots left. <http://www.pgmuseum.org/museum-events/2015/6/6/member-exclusive-guided-point-pinos-tidepool-expedition>

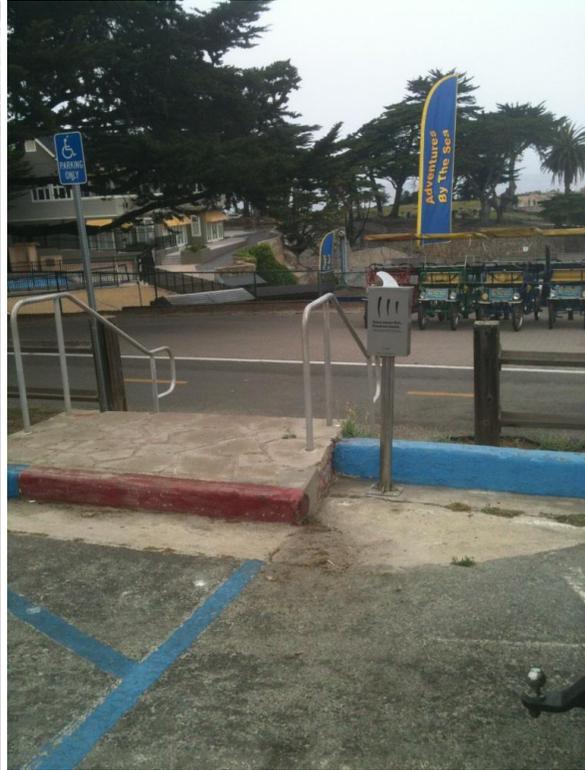
Illustrating Nature. Our Illustrating Nature exhibit, featuring science illustrations from California State University, Monterey Bay, ends Sunday, June 14. <http://www.pgmuseum.org/museum-events/2015/5/1/illustrating-nature-opening-reception>

Feathers and Fur. On Sunday, June 14, in line with the end of Illustrating Nature, The Museum will host Feathers and Fur: Sketching Birds and Mammals in Color with local science illustrator Erin E. Hunter. Registration is \$35.00 for the class. <http://www.pgmuseum.org/museum-events/2015/6/14/feathers-and-fur-sketching-birds-and-mammals-in-color>

PUBLIC WORKS

The Passionfish restaurant, in downtown Pacific Grove, has had a group of volunteers and employees that over the years have performed trash cleanup along our coast line, primarily the recreation trail and Lovers Point Park. The City, as well as the tidal life along our 3.2 mile coastline, are very grateful. The number one item they constantly find are cigarette butts, which ultimately get into our storm drain system and then the ocean.

As a result, Passionfish and the City have been working to purchase "Butt Tanks" for the Lovers Point area. Today City Staff installed them at the parking lots for Lovers Point. We are grateful to have citizen groups that help the City and are inspired to keep our beaches clean.



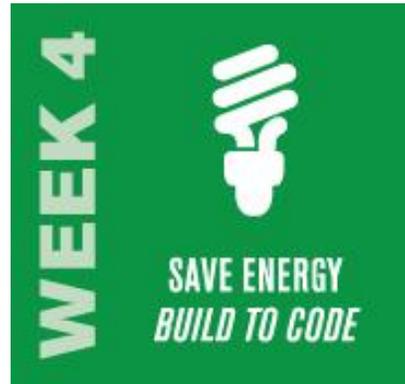
Building Safety Week 4

Building green means living better, smarter and healthier.

Just by choosing energy-efficient building materials and supplies, homeowners can make positive changes to both inside and outside environments, creating homes that are better for you and our world.

Building green does not necessarily mean starting from scratch or spending more money. There are many ways to improve the green factor in existing homes by using longer-lasting and sustainable materials.

Switching to a natural gas-heated home saves U.S. consumers an average of **SAVING AT HOME \$5,731***



Fueling the Future with Natural Gas: Bringing it Home, Chapter IV: Gas LDCs and Residential/Commercial Demand Growth, p. IV-26, www.fuelingthefuture.org

***Over 15 years**

Energy Efficiency Tips

- Use energy-efficient light bulbs, turn off lights and unplug electronics not in use.
- Seal air leaks.
- Install programmable thermostats.
- Upgrade windows, heating and air conditioning equipment.
- Change filters frequently.
- Install more insulation in walls and attics.
- Choose energy efficient appliances.
- If you are building new, consider the best position on the lot for trapping light and energy, and make use of energy-efficient foundation, framing, plumbing, wiring, and HVAC systems now available.

Calculate Your Carbon Footprint

Calculate Your Carbon Footprint:
<http://www.ge.com/ivillage/calculator>

Green homes are often healthier homes. Energy Efficient homes have been known to reduce mold, mildew, and other allergens that contribute to asthma and other significant health issues. Listed below are tips that promote a more sustainable way of living:

- Keep it dry: install a drain pan under the water heater; place dehumidifiers in basements and other damp areas; position downspouts away from the house; repair any water damage.
- Keep it clean: use track-off mats at all doorways; clean up dust to eliminate contaminants such as lead dust and allergens.
- Keep it ventilated: install or replace exhaust fans in bathrooms and kitchens (make sure they vent to the).
- Keep it contaminant-free: use wire shelving that doesn't collect dust; have your home tested for radon and lead-based paint.





OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

May 2015

May – Building Safety Month

Whereas, our state's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, and resilience in the built environment that affect the citizens of California, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, gives us confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and

Whereas, our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, designers, builders, tradespeople, laborers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

Whereas, the California Building Standards Code (Title 24, California Code of Regulations) includes safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as earthquakes, wildfires, mudslides and floods it also incorporates the most practical and current green building codes to lessen the impact buildings have on the environment, and

Whereas, Building Safety Month encourages all Californian's to raise awareness of the importance of building safety; green and sustainable building practices; swimming pool, spa and hot tub safety; backyard safety; smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detection, and new technologies in the construction industry; and

Whereas, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Californians are asked to consider building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments in protecting lives and property.

Sincerely,


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.



June 13th Community Walk in the Asilomar State Park Sand Dunes

Local Coastal Program Update



You are invited to participate in a **Dunes Walk** led by Asilomar State Parks staff and City staff. Walk is about ¼ mile.



- Learn about the Sand Dunes and Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas
- Local Coastal Program Update Process and Timeline
- Questions, Comments, and Feedback
- ADA Accessible – please call Lisa Bradford for details 646-6445

For more information please see the City of website
www.cityofpacificgrove.org

Saturday, June 13th 2015

9:30-10:30 am

**Gather at: Hearst Social Hall
800 Asilomar Ave, Pacific Grove**

For more information contact Anastazia Aziz,
Sr. Planner at: aaziz@cityofpacificgrove.org
or 831-648-3183



Calming the Storm

Strategies and Tools for Easing the Stormwater Design and Permitting Process

New insights and design solutions from local professionals

Benefits of using Low Impact Development (LID) designs

Lessons from the planning desk: getting to know agency staff

Learn by example: local LID projects that meet the new post-construction requirements

Thursday, June 25, 2015

8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Watsonville City Hall



Incorporate stormwater post-construction requirements early in the project design. It not only improves the permit process, but enhances the final project.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Architects and Engineers

Landscape Professionals

Local Agency Staff

Stormwater Professionals

Property Managers and Owners

Land Use Planners and Developers

Contractors and Construction Managers

PRESENTATION TOPICS

Lessons Learned from the Field

Local Design Requirements

Site Soil Testing Methodologies

Case Studies and Local Projects

“Passive” Landscapes for Permits

Uses for Various Stormwater Calculators

Permitting Rain Catchment for Indoor Uses

Cost is \$15 and includes light breakfast and lunch. Please register at www.rcdsantacruz.org OR call 831-464-2950 X 22 for more information





Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce & Tourist Centers Present

First Friday

Friday, June 5th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Grassroots event sponsored by several local participating businesses in downtown Pacific Grove.

Community • Art • Entertainment

Look for the Green flags to signify participating businesses.

Green for GO!

For more information, contact Artisana Gallery at (831) 655-9775

Funded in part with a grant from Pacific Grove-Economic Development Commission

American Cancer Society Discovery Shop

50th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, June 12th at 11:00 am

Join the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce in congratulating Jeanie Gould and her volunteer team at the Discovery Shop 50th Anniversary Celebration.

50% off all Discovery Shop purchases.

Little Chicken House

25th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, June 25th from 5:00 to 6:30 pm

1193 Forest Avenue

Join the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce and Little Chicken House owners Oscar and Rene R. Paniagua in celebrating their 25th year in business.

Butterfly Gift Shop

Relocation Celebration & 2 Year Anniversary Ribbon Cutting

During First Friday, July 3 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm

623 Lighthouse Avenue between 17th & 18th

Enjoy complimentary wine, appetizers, live music and more as you support Butterfly Gift Shop, home of Pacific Grove's monarch butterflies.

Chamber's Fourth of

July Hometown Celebration BBQ

Friday, July 4 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

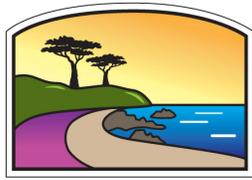
Tommy Stillwell Court/Caledonia Park

Old-fashioned, down-home BBQ in Caledonia Park

Live Entertainment by The Firefly Band and Tom Faia & The Juice

www.pacificgrove.org





PACIFIC GROVE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
& TOURIST CENTERS

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FAITH • FAMILY • COMMUNITY

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CORNER SALE



June 13, 2015 9 am—3pm

Bank of America Parking Lot—601 Lighthouse Ave.

Furniture, art, toys, clothing, sporting goods, business equipment, & more

Live Music ~ Bounce House

All Proceeds Benefit The Bridge Restoration Ministry

www.tbrm.org • (831) 717-4479